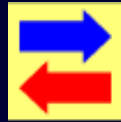




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Dear LMT friends,

It is our pleasure to let you know that the Laboratory for Maritime Transport has won the

"Piraeus International Centre Award"

for 2008 at this year's Lloyd's List Greek Shipping Awards. The award was received by Professor Harilaos N. Psarftis.

It is now five years since these prestigious awards were launched and the fifth anniversary of one of the maritime calendar's most exciting events was celebrated on Friday December 12, 2008 at the Athenaeum Intercontinental Hotel in Athens.

Over 1,000 key personalities attended the annual presentation dinner that paid tribute to the world's largest shipowning community, their service partners and some of the industry's outstanding achievements during the preceding year. This year's proceedings were officially opened by Greece's Deputy Minister of Merchant Marine, the Aegean and Island Policy, Panos Kammenos.

The "Piraeus International Centre Award" is for Greek or non-Greek companies or other entities that have demonstrated outstanding service to Greek shipping clients or members, and/or have made an outstanding contribution to the development of Greece as a shipping business and service center.

Other award categories this year included the Dry Cargo Company of the Year, the Tanker Company of the Year, the Passenger Line of the Year, the Shipbroker of the Year, the Technical Innovation Award, the International Personality of the Year, the Ship of the Year, the Award for Achievement in Education or Training, the Award for Achievement in Safety or Environmental Protection, the Seafarer of the Year, the Greek Shipping Newsmaker of the Year, the Lloyd's List / Propeller Club Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Greek Shipping Personality of the Year.

The 10-person adjudication panel this year included Spyros Polemis, President of the International Chamber of Shipping, Nicos Efthymiou, President of the Union of Greek Shipowners, George Gratsos, President of the Hellenic Chamber of Shipping, Captain John Halas, General Secretary of the Panhellenic Seamen's Federation, Nicolas Tsavlis, President of the Propeller Club of the United States – International Port of Piraeus, Dinos Caroussis, Chairman of the UK P&I Club, Anna-Maria Monogioudi, President of WISTA Hellas, Vasso Armogeni, Managing Editor of Efoplistis magazine, Dean Tseretopoulos of the IMO Advisory Group on goal based standards and recent chairman of Intertanko's Safety, Technical and Environment Committee, and Nigel Lowry, Athens correspondent of Lloyd's List.

The awards are endorsed by a number of supporting organizations, including the Union of Greek Shipowners, the Hellenic Chamber of Shipping, the Greek Shipping Co-operation Committee in London, Helmepea and others.

More details about this LMT distinction, and a report of all recent LMT activities will be presented in our next newsletter (January 2009).



In the meanwhile, we wish all of you all the very best for the Season and a Happy New Year!

Best regards,

The LMT staff